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SUGJ: GONZALO FACIO CANDIDACY FOR PRESIDENCY OF 33RD UNGA

1. FOREIGN MINISTER GONZALO GACIO HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT HIS CAMPAIGN TO BE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF 33RD UNGA HAS SUFFERED NEW SET-BACK WITH EMERGENCE OF COLOMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO AS ANOTHER RIVAL CANDIDATE. FACIO SAID THAT HE, GARCIA ROBLES, AND LIEVANO ARE NOW ONLY THREE DECLARED CANDIDATES FROM LA REGION AND THAT HE EXPECTS THAT EITHER HE OR LIEVANO WILL BE SELECTED AS REGION'S CONSENSUS CANDIDATE.

2. FACIO SAID THAT PANAMA, BRAZIL AND PARAGUAY ARE PUSHING HARD IN FAVOR OF LIEVANO BUT THAT HE, FACIO, CONTINUES TO HOLD MAJORITY SUPPORT AMONG LATIN MEMBERS OF LA REGION. HE AND PRESIDENT ODUBER INTEND TO LOBBY ARGENTINES, ECUADOREANS, CHILEANS, PERUVIANS AND OTHERS AT SERIES OF WORKING BREAKFASTS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON THIS WEEK. FACIO SAID THAT COSTA RICANS ARDVARGUING THAT SINCE SOUTH AMERICANS HAVE HELD UNGA PRESIDENCY SIX TIMES AND CENTRAL AMERICANS HAVE HELD IT ONLY ONCE, IT IS TIME FOR A CENTRAL AMERICAN TO BE ELECTED AGAIN.
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